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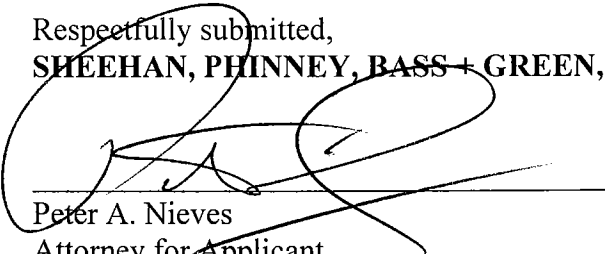
Claim 1 and Claim 9 have been amended for further clarification. No new matter is being introduced by the present amendments. These amendments are made without prejudice, without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record, and without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the original claims in this application and/or pursue them in a continuation. Applicant believes the pending claims to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the amendments as detailed above in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his/her time and consideration. If a telephone conversation would help clarify any issues, or help expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 603-627-8134.

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